

Filed for intro on 02/05/2001

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

By Cooper B

A RESOLUTION relative to the development of additional standards to improve child care.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 333 of the Public Acts of 1965, the commissioner of human services, now called the department of public welfare, appointed a standards committee to develop standards for the licensing of "group care homes," "group day care homes," and "prescribed child care centers," the creation of which resulted in the establishment and recommendation of more rigid standards for improving the quality of child care; and

WHEREAS, although the committee terminated on July 30, 2000, it is imperative that minimum qualifications for directors and care givers, the training of staff, and procedures to focus on licensure and enforcement actions of child welfare agencies that fail to meet minimum standards or otherwise need technical assistance or heightened monitoring be specifically addressed; and

WHEREAS, of equal importance, is the need to address mechanisms for rewarding or encouraging agencies that exceed minimum standards and improving day care services that are

reimbursed by the department of human services on behalf of low income families pursuant to Section 71-1-130; and

WHEREAS, as today's youth will play an integral role in the future prosperity of this great state, it is important that the members of this General Assembly take the necessary steps to ensure that Tennessee's children are equipped with the necessary resources to ensure such success; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Department of Human Services is hereby requested to conduct a study relative to the development of additional standards to improve child care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Human Services.